

December 10, 2019

Submitted via FOIAonline

Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 1 (OARM01-6)
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552 et seq., Conservation Law Foundation ("CLF") hereby requests the records described below pertaining to the chemical preparations and manufacturing facility listed on the EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online ("ECHO") database as:

W R Grace - Daramic, 62 Whittemore Ave, Cambridge, MA 02140

This request seeks the following documents from the time period between December 2014 to the present:

1. W R Grace - Daramic's Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permits; and
2. All documents relating to compliance monitoring and investigation reports for each of the above statutes.

CLF requests that any fees incurred in conjunction with this request be waived, as disclosure of the requested records is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii); 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l). CLF is a 501(c)(3) organization and is seeking this information to inform CLF members and the public, including nearby residents, about the current state of environmental permitting and compliance at the W R Grace - Daramic facility located at 62 Whittemore Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

In the event that our request for a fee waiver is denied, we request that the total cost be minimized by providing the information in electronic format. Also, if fees are assessed, please

provide in advance a written, itemized, good faith estimate of such fees. We are willing to make an appointment to review responsive documents in person if that would be most efficient.

As you are aware, FOIA requires you to provide a response within twenty business days. I appreciate your prompt response to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 850-1731 or acharnov@clf.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charnov", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alex Charnov
Paralegal